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Our Collaboration With the Enemy^a—I

SINCE 1945 there has been a radical change in the inherent character and strength of the United States. This has not just happened; it was caused.

The cause is in a program of degeneration which has been implemented through one after another of each of the primary institutions of our society, beginning with the Federal Government. This cause has operated through state and local governments. It has extended itself through higher education, and has penetrated public school education. It has largely rendered impotent and innocuous the churches and religion. It has completely dominated the labor union hierarchy. It has radiated generally through other organized forms which might have, or develop, sufficient strength and position to warrant their infection.

The change thus brought about was induced by resort to the slickest known devices of indirection. The main strategy employed has exploited the ignorance and gullibility as well as the jealousy and envy of those who, having but partial intellectual development, think they are educated. It was a strategy that utilized and at the same time improved what in a relative sense is a new technique. This is the Pavlovian psychological technique of *subjective conditioning*.*

Collaboration in Subjective Conditioning

Gradualism, alternation, and repetition are the principal features of the propaganda strategy with which the thought stream and leadership forces of the United States have been infected and manipulated, since the end of World War II in particular. This overall and underneath operation has been referred to as the Pavlov-Khrushchev line in an article by the well-known London physician in psychological medicine, William Sargant, writing in *The New York Times Sunday Magazine*, July 17, 1960. From the standpoint of U.S. collaboration with the enemy, the Sargant article outlines what probably is the most subtle and fundamental factor causing this collaboration. It is a collaboration which has been particularly successful because of the slowness of the Anglo-Saxon mind to comprehend and cope with Oriental intrigue.

An era characterized by a naive faith in but partially developed education, science, and technology provides vast opportunities for exploitation of the psychological deficiencies of leaders. Very little on this subject has been brought to bear on the preparation for life of the present generation of educated leaders. The reaction even of those

who think they are sophisticated usually runs to the effect that such a thing is incredible. Yet we face a record of steady degeneration of the spirit, morality, strength, and cohesion of the American people, and a net effect of more and more collaboration with an external enemy.

The preoccupation of so-called leaders with so-called defense, including nuclear and rocket supremacy, has played its part in diverting attention from this far more important battle for the minds of men everywhere. It is this battle for the mind which Sargant states will really decide the fate of the world for generations to come.

Pavlov's Technique

Pavlov carried on experimentation with dogs for many years and there is much to indicate that his findings are applicable to man. He was interested not only in how he could build new patterns of thought and behavior, but also in how he could break down and reverse patterns of behavior that he might have implanted previously by months of patient work. He would get his dogs used to an orderly and conditioned experimental world in which certain stimuli or signals would be followed by food, and other quite different signals by no food. Then he would again bring the dog to the experimental stand hungry and anxious, and proceed to submit him to alternate positive and negative conditioning signals and to food and no food quite indiscriminately. The dog had to try to sort out these deliberately confusing signals so as to relieve his hunger and he had to endeavor to make sense out of a set of signals which were not meant to make any sense at all.

A continued effort to do this led to a severe neurotic breakdown in many of the animals. When Pavlov's dogs broke down, they often showed states of controlled generalized activity and symptoms similar to those of hysteria in man; these could even lead on to states of depressive apathy and submission. His dogs might sometimes come to resemble the frightened and exhausted rabbit which in the end walks toward an aggressor who is seeking to destroy him.

Basic in the whole thing was the fact that the animals found by Pavlov to be the most easy to get at and which ended by showing these hysterical and self-destructive tendencies, were those most eager to cooperate in the experiments designed for their undoing—those which tried their hardest to understand what was supposed to be going on around them. Those which did not try to sort out the confusing signals were not so affected and could less easily be got at and made neurotic. That is why Pavlov found it necessary to bring his animals to the experimental stand hungry and tensed up, and not well-fed and relaxed.

* The ideas of Ivan Pavlov, a scientist and Nobel Prize winner in 1904, were used by the Soviets, among whom he had to live and work, though he never was a communist and abhorred communism. He died in 1936 at the age of 86.

Russian Propaganda

For some time Russian propaganda has shown a quite fascinating and consistent pattern very reminiscent of Pavlov's method of breaking down his conditioned dogs by the scientific application of positive and negative conditioning signals.

When the first sputnik was launched by Russia and a state of world excitement and tension had been created by what was described as a great scientific feat, we were first told by Russian propaganda that it had no military significance, and then almost immediately afterward that this achievement meant most parts of America could now be destroyed at will. Then we were again reassured that this experiment and the research leading up to it were a part of peace-loving Russia's contribution to the International Geophysical Year; but later we were again reminded that it also meant a total revolution in all modern ideas of global warfare. Then we were told that a dog was sent up in another sputnik; that it might live; then again that it might die. Thus the alternating positive and negative signals about this dog, which we now know had no chance of living, kept the whole matter on the front pages of the newspapers for days on end until the death of the dog was formally announced from Moscow.

Following this long bombardment of conflicting signals, large sections of the American public and press alike showed temporarily much the same sort of bewildered confusion, increase in generalized anxiety and suggestibility, and even a tendency to hysteria, that was also seen in Pavlov's animal experiments.

The Russian spy flights were followed by the same sort of positive and negative signaling. First we were told that the spy plane incident imperiled all international relations; then we were reassured that it should not affect the summit meeting; then we were warned that foreign air bases sending spy flights over Russia would be attacked; but again we were quickly reassured by the imminent summit conference; then we were told almost immediately afterward that atom bombs might soon be raining down on America if she persisted in her air spying.

And so it went—positive and negative, negative and positive. Continuously alternating signals were used with tremendous effect by Khrushchev at the summit, in all his speeches not only in Paris and East Berlin, but after his return to Russia. He achieved his purpose exactly—leaving many people bewildered and unable to understand what was happening.

WITHOUT further elaboration upon these methods of psychological warfare so brilliantly described by Dr. Sargant, it can be said that they have largely had the effects intended upon America. Thus we confront the primary cause of each of our various forms of collaboration with the enemy.

There is only one proper way of dealing with such situations and methods. That is just to ignore all the deliberately confusing signals that the enemy is sending out. But this is not what we do. We provide full and free access to the naive and sensitive minds of the unsophisticated American people and in that way collaborate as the enemy desires in order to serve his purposes. The lies and fabrications of a cold war may constitute news, but we seem unwilling to face their results and consequences as shown by steady degeneration of the spirit and character of the American people.

The record of the past 15 years shows that, regardless of their intentions, the press, radio, TV, and movies of the United States have played a leading role in implementing the degenerative program of communism in the United States by presenting and playing up communist propaganda and welfare-state ideas that pave the way for communism. Those who have paid for the services of these agencies of communication (many of them our large business corporations), of course, have unwittingly been financing arrangements for their own funeral and that of all private capitalism.

For almost a generation the initiative in national policy in the United States has been exercised indirectly by leading universities, and particularly those in New England. This has been true notwithstanding the fact, now clearly evident, that there were at least two octaves missing from the mental keyboard of the educators running those institutions, and therefore from the products of those institutions—the so-called educated of the past generation. These were the octaves pertaining to subjective conditioning and psychological leadership.

The ramifications of our collaboration with a program of degeneration are numerous and far-reaching. For the most part each of the principal ramifications worthy of note falls more in the category of effects than causes. **However, the one fundamental and omnipresent cause is this very successful application of subjective conditioning to the forces of communication in the United States and the resultant unwitting prostitution of the thought-control system to almost perfect collaboration with the enemy.**

The Communist Income Tax

Probably the most important and far-reaching single effect in the United States of the Pavlovian subjective conditioning previously described is provided by our communist income tax. It rests upon nothing in the nature of sound principles or purposes. It was established and has been maintained purely on the basis of subjective conditioning. This has been focused principally on persons in leadership positions in various institutions of our society who seem to think they think.

The one-sided propaganda in favor of the communist income tax has developed wide and general belief in the fallacy that a society can be sustained by a system of government that is financed by what is called an income tax. There is not only no rational basis for this assumption, but the record shows that it cannot be done.

Those who have slanted and twisted the record so far as it pertains to taxation have refused to take note of the fact that the life process of a society is much like that of a person. If the society is to live, to continue, the arithmetic of addition and subtraction will determine the strengths and weaknesses of the body. To the extent this arithmetic is understood and consciously controlled and directed, the body will enjoy health and will endure. The crux of the process in the case both of the individual and the society is the regulation of the amount of the non-productive which must be carried by the productive. Thus the overhead of a national economy (the non-productive) must be held within due proportion to production and the income of the people, or a process of degeneration will set in and continue. It is disregard of this key relationship by those who have had the initiative in national policy during the past generation which has

implemented and extended the degenerative processes which together have destroyed more than half of the value of our money. Without the communist income tax this could not have happened.

Of course, what we call an income tax is not an income tax at all. Technically, it is a tax on capital and, therefore, a device of expropriation and liquidation. But the subjective conditioning emanating originally from the professors has been so good that few have realized the true nature of a communist income tax. The propaganda naturally emanating from the professors, the left-wing press, and our socialist labor leaders has been skillfully slanted to fan the envy of the multitudes and divert real thought from the true nature of such a tax. Accordingly, the so-called graduated income tax of the United States has become one of the most fundamental and far-reaching of all the different forms of collaboration with the enemy.

Not only is the income tax inherently, fundamentally, and completely dishonest in name; it was originated as a communist idea. Karl Marx put it forward in the Communist Manifesto of 1848 as a primary means of undermining and destroying capitalism. He knew it was a device of expropriation and liquidation, would work something like hemophilia, and thus would have effects similar to combining economic bloodletting and systematic moral degeneration.

Although the income tax is a communist idea, it is not a communist idea for communists. It is a communist idea for undermining and liquidating capitalism. Even Khrushchev has ridiculed and criticized it, and while in the United States. Upon his return to Russia he announced that it would be eliminated from the tax system of his country.

Although it is clear to those who will really put their minds on the subject of taxation that a going-concern economy cannot be maintained with a device of expropriation and liquidation misbranded as a tax, we allow the sadistic psychopathology of a few abnormal professors to prevail. In so doing we seem to insist, like Sargant's rabbit, on collaboration in the arrangements for our own funeral.

The fundamental and practical effects however are slowly being recognized. In an address to the Economic Club of Detroit on March 21, 1960, a tax expert from New York, Mr. J. S. Seidman, C.P.A., pointed out some of these effects.

He said, "There's obviously something wrong with any tax system where taxes rather than common sense run our personal and our economic lives. It is so wrong that unless we have a revolution in our tax laws, we're going to have a revolution by our taxpayers. We will either correct or we are bound to kick over any laws that make judgment take a back seat to taxes, and decide things like where we live, what we do with our money, what we say in our wills.

"Taxes today dominate such problems as whether we work, where, when, and how much we work. Taxes even control such intimate things as whether we marry, when or whom we marry, and how we marry.

"The stock market is deeply steeped in taxes, affecting things like what we buy, how long we hold on, when we sell, to whom we sell, and where we sell.

"In business, taxes rather than the market place tell

us whether we do business as a proprietorship, a firm, or a corporation, whether we have one company or many companies, whether we declare dividends, how much and when we declare them, whether we merge, whether we sell out or whether we stay put.

"The short of it is that our entire lives and our economy are being distorted by taxes."

Although Mr. Seidman said much more in Detroit and there is much more to be said about the communist income tax, what is here submitted should be sufficient to show that the income tax is probably the most serious effect which has been caused by the subjective conditioning of the communists.

Dupes

In his book "Masters of Deceit," J. Edgar Hoover writes:

"The final area (of thought control) is that of the dupe, or innocent victim, the individual who unknowingly is under Communist thought control and does the work of the Party. A tragedy of the past generation in the United States is that so many persons, including high-ranking statesmen, public officials, educators, ministers of the Gospel, professional men, have been duped into helping Communism. Communist leaders have proclaimed that Communism must be partly built with non-Communist hands, and this, to a large extent, is true."

The American Bar Association's Special Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives points out that "the greatest asset the Communists have at the present time is not the hydrogen bomb, certainly not Soviet satellites, but world ignorance of their tactics, strategy and objectives."

(An early Council Letter will deal further with "Our Collaboration With The Enemy.")

From our Paris Correspondent

August 3, 1960

A shocked Europe recently watched Patrice Lumumba seek the support in America that he has lost in every other non-Afro-Asiatic country of the free world—and apparently receive it. It seemed incongruous that the nation that had been unable to solve its own colored problem should receive the instigator of rape and murder with a salute of cannon, a delegation at the airport and accommodation in the same Blair House bed they had given King Baudouin and General de Gaulle.

When the "Head of State," who in two weeks had destroyed his army, his finances, and literally, his country, blatantly lied with the assertion that no white women had been attacked, that it was all Belgian propaganda, no one disputed him. Because he declined to meet the Russian ambassador while he was courting us, America's collective intelligence was insulted with the statement that he was not so bad. This despite the fact that 14 million Belgian francs were transferred to him from a numbered account in Geneva to finance the campaign that brought chaos to the Congo and himself into power. The Czechoslovakian consulate in Leopoldville arranged his defense when he was once arrested as a postal thief.

Mr. Jean Terfve, of the Belgian Communist Party's Central Political Bureau, and a team from the Belgian

Communist Youth Organization, were dispatched to help Lumumba sow the disorders that occurred. Lumumba's personal agents, selected from the four ethnic groups making up the *Force Publique*, were dispatched well in advance to ignite the mutiny. A Soviet plane brought 20 Congolese "graduates" from the subversive school in Prague to take over from there and direct the wave of killing and raping that would drive the whites from the country in panic while Lumumba, professing friendship and begging them to stay with one breath, would incite to massacre with the next. It was minutely planned. That explains the smoothness with which the mutiny got underway, the disembowling of women and hostages, the moving into position of forces and tanks to cut off all escape, Lumumba's assurances to the West that the situation was in hand.

Nothing that has happened should surprise anyone. Lumumba called for UN troops (from countries worked by Moscow or Peking, and themselves encouraging terrorism against the whites) in hopes they would drive out the Belgians. When they co-operated in restoring order instead, he prepared to call in the Russians, in fulfillment of an agreement he had already made. Then he decided not to call in the Russians, whereupon, considering themselves double-crossed, they may come anyway. As Lumumba and left-wing Congolese Peoples' Party leader Alphonse Nguvulu planned it, phase 1 called for the white officers' humiliation and liquidation; then independence would be complete. That is why it took only 10 days for the magnificent organization it took the Belgians 20 years to build to collapse in an orgy of burning and violence.

The civilian framework would go next; that would be phase 2, completed by the installation of Russians and Czechs in their place. Phase 3 would end in Russia's complete military, cultural and commercial replacement of the Belgians, with all the wheels still running. The plan would have moved like clockwork if African savagery had not unloosed the violence so widely, so brutally and so soon. The Congolese themselves became frightened,

though there is nothing to indicate that Lumumba, even now, really wants to stop it.

The SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE DE BELGIQUE and its plans are another great unknown. The SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE, founded by Leopold II, is the parent of the great Congo companies that made the Congo prosperous in the past 60 years. It is a financial state within a state. It was the Belgian Congo, providing both the financial heart and bloodstream of the country and naming its directors.

The SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE seemed to think of everything except Lumumba's private partnership with Moscow and the impetus that partnership's Operation Chaos received from America's non-communist Left, the AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA under Eleanor Roosevelt, Bishop James A. Pike, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., et al.; the planted agents of American labor and the missionary work of certain itinerant lawyers, photographers, sociologists and products of a "liberal" State Department.

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